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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF AN INTERVIEW

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Sir:

As explained in the Interview Summary Record forwarded with the Communication dated April 29, 2005, Applicants' representative conducted an interview with the Examiner on April 28, 2005. That interview primarily discussed the prior art rejection of the claims over the Torii et al. reference. Applicants' representative discussed the importance of the claim language relating to the methods being for a "chair-side, bed-side on-field test". Applicants also discussed the importance of the ability of the method to be conducted in a single step, and the importance of the method being able to diagnose specific diseases, such as those recited in amended claim 52 submitted with Applicants' response of April 18, 2005.

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No agreement was reached at the interview with regard to allowable claims, but Applicants' representative agreed to consider possible amendments to the claims in view of the Examiner's comments.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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